

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ELOUISE PEPION COBELL, et al., )  
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 Plaintiffs, )  
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 v. ) Case No. 1:96cv01285(JR)  
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 DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Secretary of the Interior, )  
 et al., )  
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 Defendants. )  
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**NOTICE OF FILING OF JUNE 2008 STATUS REPORT BY  
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR OFFICE OF TRUST RECORDS**

The Department of the Interior Office of Trust Records hereby submits its status report for activity in June 2008. A copy of the report is attached hereto.

Dated: July 29, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on July 29, 2008 the foregoing *Notice of Filing of June 2008 Status Report by the Department of the Interior Office of Trust Records* was served by Electronic Case Filing, and on the following who is not registered for Electronic Case Filing, by facsimile:

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**ACTIVITY REPORT**  
**OFFICE OF TRUST RECORDS**

June 1 - 30, 2008

**PROGRAMMATIC:**

- Labat-Anderson (Labat Indexing Project)

Labat reported that indexing of 1,825 boxes of inactive Indian records was completed in June 2008. The total number of boxes completed through June 2008 is approximately 176,570.

- Movement of Records

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and Office of the Special Trustee (OST) moved 992 boxes of inactive records from various field locations to Lenexa, Kansas, for indexing and subsequent storage at the American Indian Records Repository (AIRR) during this reporting period.

- Site Assessments Statement

During the month of June, OTRA performed 1 records assessment at Navajo Region BIA office. OTRA also performed 6 follow-up records assessments, one each at the following locations: Rosebud Agency BIA office, Rosebud Agency OST IIM field office, Yankton Agency BIA office, Yankton Agency OST IIM field office, Rapid City OST IIM field office, and Navajo Region OST IIM field office. OTRA issued 2 records assessment reports, one each for the following locations: Ute Mountain Ute Agency BIA office and OST, Office of Appraisal Services, Alaska Region. OTRA also issued 12 follow-up records assessment reports, one each for the following locations: Southern California Agency BIA office, Palm Springs Agency BIA office, Central California Agency BIA office, Southern Plains Region BIA office, Fairbanks BIA field office, Alaska Region BIA office, Alaska Region OST IIM field office, West Central Alaska BIA field office, Northern California Agency BIA office, Pacific Region BIA office, Southern Ute Agency BIA office, and Navajo Region OST IIM field office.

- Records Training

In June 2008, OTR provided records management training for 46 BIA/OST records contacts and 24 tribal employees. OTR provided training on vital records for 62 BIA/OST employees.

- Equipment

18 pieces of fireproof filing equipment were delivered to Tribal offices in June 2008.

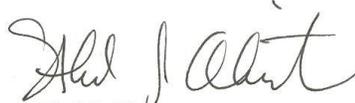
- Litigation Support and Research Requests

OTR continued to provide significant support to the Office of the Solicitor, Office of Historical Trust Accounting and its contractors, the Department of Justice and its contractors, and tribal attorneys on behalf of various Tribes. AIRR staff provided responses to 291 research requests from BIA, OST and other requesters. With the filing of numerous tribal trust litigation cases, litigation-related information and document requests pertaining to records at the AIRR continue to increase. Many of these requests have very short deadlines.

**ADMINISTRATIVE:** General administrative activities continued.

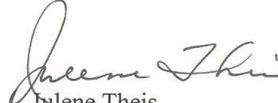
**GENERAL OBSERVATIONS:** None.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. I express no opinion on the content of the Site Assessments Statement described above.



Ethel J. Aberta

I declare under penalty of perjury that the content of the Site Assessments Statement described above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. I express no opinion on the contents of other sections/subsections of the report.



Julene Theis  
Acting Director, Office of Trust Review and  
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